

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to an automatic transmission of a motor vehicle, the shifting device comprising:

a device support structure ~~housing and/or a frame~~;

a selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the transmission of the motor vehicle,

5 said selector lever being movable at least in one of an automatic gate and in an automatic gate and Tiptronic an individual gear shift gate;

an axially displaceable locking bar that can be actuated manually, said selector lever being fixable in a parking position P by said locking bar;

10 a locking device coupled with an ignition lock ~~and prevents~~ preventing the unlocking of said selector lever from the parking position when the ignition key has been removed and ~~prevents~~ preventing the removal of the ignition key when said selector lever is outside the parking position, said locking device including a stopper displaceable in a direction of said automatic gate and through which direction said selector lever passes, and a locking lever acting on said stopper, wherein a coupling is provided between said locking bar and said locking lever.

2. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said stopper and said selector lever have a contour each that couples said stopper with the movement of said selector lever only in said automatic gate.

3. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the coupling between

said locking bar and said locking lever is formed by a cross pin, said cross pin acting under said locking lever.

4. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, further comprising guide rails for the linear guiding of said stopper, said guide rails being arranged in said device support structure housing and/or a frame.

5. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said stopper has at least one ramp for at least one extension arm of said locking lever.

6. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 5, wherein said extension arm of said locking lever has a roller in the area of contact with said stopper.

7. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said stopper has at least one guideway.

8. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the coupling between the ignition lock and said locking lever is embodied by a bowden cable.

9. (Original) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to an automatic transmission of a motor vehicle, the shifting device comprising:

a selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the transmission of the motor vehicle,
said selector lever being movable in an automatic gate and a single gear shift gate;

5 an axially displaceable locking bar that can be actuated manually, said selector lever
being fixable in a parking position P by said locking bar;

10 a locking device coupled with a vehicle ignition lock and preventing the unlocking of
said selector lever from the parking position when the ignition key has been removed from the
ignition lock and preventing the removal of the ignition key from the ignition lock when said
selector lever is outside the parking position, said locking device including a stopper
displaceable in a direction of said automatic gate and through which direction said selector lever
passes, and a locking lever acting on said stopper, wherein a coupling is provided between said
locking bar and said locking lever.

10. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said stopper and
said selector lever have a contour each that couples said stopper with the movement of said
selector lever only in said automatic gate and not in said single gear shift gate.

11. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the coupling
between said locking bar and said locking lever is formed by a cross pin, said cross pin acting
under said locking lever.

12. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, further

comprising a device support structure ~~housing and/or a frame~~ and guide rails for the linear guiding of said stopper, said guide rails being arranged in said device support structure ~~housing and/or a frame~~.

13. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said stopper has at least one ramp for at least one extension arm of said locking lever.

14. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 13, wherein said extension arm of said locking lever has a roller in the area of contact with said stopper.

15. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, wherein said stopper has at least one guideway.

16. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 9, wherein the coupling between the vehicle ignition lock and said locking lever comprises a bowden cable.

17. (Currently Amended) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to an automatic transmission of a motor vehicle, the shifting device comprising:

a selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the transmission of the motor vehicle, said selector lever being movable in an automatic gate;

5 an axially displaceable locking bar that can be actuated manually, said selector lever

being fixable in a parking position P by said locking bar;

a locking device coupled with a vehicle ignition lock and preventing the unlocking of said selector lever from the parking position when the ignition key has been removed from the ignition lock and preventing the removal of the ignition key from the vehicle ignition lock when said selector lever is outside the parking position, said locking device including a stopper displaceable in a direction of said automatic gate and through which direction said selector lever passes, and a locking lever acting on said stopper, wherein a coupling independent of said stopper is provided between said locking bar and said locking lever.

18. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 17, further comprising a ~~Tiptronic~~ an individual gear shift gate for single gear shifting, wherein said stopper and said selector lever have a contour each that couples said stopper with the movement of said selector lever only in said automatic gate and not in said ~~Tiptronic~~ individual gear shift gate.

19. (Currently Amended) A shifting device in accordance with claim 17, further comprising a device support structure ~~housing and/or a frame~~ and guide rails for the linear guiding of said stopper, said guide rails being arranged in said device support structure ~~housing and/or a frame~~.

20. (Original) A shifting device in accordance with claim 17, wherein:

said stopper has at least one ramp for at least one extension arm of said locking lever
said extension arm of said locking lever has a roller in the area of contact with said
stopper; and

5 said stopper has at least one guideway.

21. (New) A shifting device for transmitting shift commands to an automatic
transmission of a motor vehicle, the shifting device comprising:

a selector lever for transmitting shift commands to the transmission of the motor vehicle,
said selector lever being movable in an automatic gate;

5 an axially displaceable locking bar that can be actuated manually, said selector lever
being fixable in a parking position P by said locking bar;

a locking device coupled with a vehicle ignition lock and preventing the unlocking of
said selector lever from the parking position when the ignition key has been removed from the
ignition lock and preventing the removal of the ignition key from the vehicle ignition lock when
10 said selector lever is outside the parking position, said locking device including a stopper
displaceable in a direction of said automatic gate and through which direction said selector lever
passes, and a locking lever acting on said stopper, wherein a coupling is provided between said
locking bar and said locking lever and said stopper has contour with a region with a course of
movement of said locking lever passing through said region.

22. (New) A shifting device according to claim 21, wherein the contour of said stopper

is forked shaped.

23. (New) A shifting device according to claim 22, wherein said forked shaped locking lever comprises tines extending around said selector lever.

24. (New) A shifting device according to claim 22, wherein

said locking lever has ends with extension arms;

said stopper has two guideways; and

said extension arms of said locking lever are held by said guideways of said stopper

5 outside of said parking position P.

25. (New) A shifting device according to claim 23, wherein

said locking lever has ends with extension arms;

said stopper has two guideways; and

said extension arms of said locking lever are held by said guideways of said stopper

5 outside of said parking position P.